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Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

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E. G. VOUILLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai. Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS. HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM this Date until further notice, Mr. D. F. T. HENRY will take Charge of this Agency.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai. Hongkong, May 20, 1879. my23

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

AUCTION OF ELEGANT ENGLISH-MADE FURNITURE, CARPETS, MIRRORS, PIANO, AQUARIUM, &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions from J. J. FRANCIS, Esq., Acting Justice of the Peace, to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, No. 1, Caine Road, on

TUESDAY, the 27th May, 1879, at 2 o'clock p.m.—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—Handsome Drawing-room Suite, consisting of Chairs, Couches, Easy Chairs, and Ottoman, in Walnut, covered with Cretonne, Side Tables, Whatnots, Mirrors, Engravings, Curtains, Fender and Irons, Gasolier, &c., &c.

Solid Mahogany Dining-room Chairs, Tea Dining Table, Marble-top Sideboard, Carpet, Glass-ware, Crockery, Electro plated Ware, &c., &c.

Bed-room Chairs, Lady's and Gentleman's Wardrobes, Iron Bedsteads, Toilet Tables and Mirrors, Marble-top Wash-stands and Services, Bed-room Sofas, Chests of Drawers.

Also, A Rosewood Cottage Piano, by B. H. Lunan, Lübeck.

A Large Telescope, with Astronomical pieces.

A Large Aquarium, Flower Pots and Plants, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole will be on view during Monday, the 26th instant.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879. my27

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on an early DATE, unless disposed of privately, of which due Notice will be given—

Portions of INLAND LOT No. 105, adapted for the erection of FIVE CHINESE HOUSES on COCHANE STREET, corner of Gage Street, and FIVE HOUSES on Gage Street, corner of Guttaif Street.

Plans may be seen, and all particulars obtained at the OFFICES of

SHARP & DANBY, No. 6, Queen's Road, lately Messrs E. D. SASOON & Co.

Hongkong, May 17, 1879. my20

Auctions.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.

APPROACHES TO HONGKONG—TYTAMI CHANNEL.

POSITION OF DANGER, Lat. 21° 37' 36" N. Long. 114° 07' 59" E. Left Extreme Tytami Island, N. 30° W. Right Extreme " do " N. 58° E. Least Water on the Rock (reduced to low Water Springs) 18 feet.

CHASING MARKS. No Vessel should stand to the Northward of a line joining the S.E. point of Yechau Island with the centre of Guyane Island (bearing respectively from each other N. 67° E. and S. 67° W.) until Eshau Head opens clear of S. W. point of Tytami Island bearing N. 4° W.

This Rock is about 50 feet Long East and West, and 20 feet North and South. Between the Rock and the Island the Soundings vary from 8 to 10 fathoms.

(Signed) G. KING HABMAN, Lieutenant and Navigating Officer H.M.S. "Moquette."

Approved.

(Signed) GEO. A. G. GREY, Lt. u. and Commander H.M.S. "Mongolo."

Hongkong, May 5, 1879. my20

Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract.

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES of GROUND close to the water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 751 and 752, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON.

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Intimations.

Volume Seventh of the
"CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 5.—Vol. VII.
OF THE

"CHINA REVIEW"
CONTAINS

Legislation and Law in Ancient China.
Jottings from the Book of Rites.
Chinese Running Hand.
The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.
The Sadness of Separation, or *Li Sao*.
Historical Table of the High Officials Composing the Central and Provincial Governments of China.
Mr. Kingmill and the *Shi King*.
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:
Notes on the Language of the Formosan Savages.

The Rainfall of Peking in connection with the Sunspot Theory.

On some of the Constellations in the *Shi-king*.

Antient Vases.

The Anniversary of the Downfall of the *Yuen*.

Crocodiles.
Mourning Etiquette.

The Land Tax.

Sanskrit Characters.

Zoology.

Mongol Alphabets.

The God of the Hearth.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office.

Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH BARK CARRICKS,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, May 21, 1879.

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OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship *BELGIO*, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

H. M. BLANCHARD,
Acting Agent,
Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

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FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glenfinlas* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 p.m. TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship *Alaska*, Captain S. B. BURRY, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

The above Steamer having incurred General Average, Consignees of Cargo and Treasure are notified that a General Average Bond is now lying at our Office and will require their Signature before delivery.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. *TIGRE*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Ganges*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 16th instant, at 11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 23rd instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPAUD,
Agent,
Hongkong, May 18, 1879.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS".
Capt. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 25th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.
Hongkong, May 22, 1879.

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FOR AMOY, TAIWAN & TAMSUI.
The Steamship
"ALBAY".
Capt. F. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.
Hongkong, May 22, 1879.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

IN ACCORDANCE with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 24th instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation."
GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China."
H. H. NELSON, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China."
J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris."
D. FITZ HENRY, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation."
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd."
R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, May 22, 1879.

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NOTICE.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

DURING the Next THREE MONTHS the Company's Steamers from CHINA will proceed direct to LONDON, leaving Hongkong on the following Dates:—

3rd June....S.S. *Lombardy*, tons 2723
7th " " " *Zembla* " 2431
1st July...." *Teheran* " 2589
15th " " " *Khadive* " 3742
27th " " " *Malwa* " 3938
12th Aug...." *Kaiser-i-Hind* " 4028
26th " " " *Cathay* " 2982
9th Sept...." *Bokhara* " 2832

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 22, 1879.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

GOLDEN FLEUR, British barque, Capt. James Wiltshire.—Vogel & Co.

ALEXA, British barque, Captain George Robb.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ANNIE W. WESTON, American barque, Captain H. O. Wimber.—Order.

VEVUVUS, American barque, Captain F. W. Cali.—Order.

JOHN R. STANHOPE, American barque, Capt. H. G. Pillsbury.—Arnhold, Kerberg & Co.

ARGYLL, British steamer, Captain D. Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Captain H. J. Melchers & Co.

KILABEY, British steamer, Captain Henry O'Neill.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

ALICE C. DICKERMAN, American 3-m. schooner, Captain W. M. Bagant.—Order.

EXCELSIOR, American barque, Capt. D. B. Eddy.—Captain.

ANNE D.—Danish schooner, Capt. Lassen.—Chinese.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 22, *Modeste*, H. M. corvette, 1800, J. G. Mead, Singapore May 10.

May 22, *Paladin*, British steamer, 897, Geo. Parker, Saigon May 16, Rice.

ARNOLD, KERBER & Co.

May 22, *Zamboanga*, Spanish steamer, 651, V. Aranjuez, Saigon May 17, Rice.

—HEDDONS & Co.

May 22, *Fei Hoo*, Chinese R. C., from Hoihow.

DEPARTURES.

May 21, *Sun-ke*, Chi. R. C., for a cruise.

22, *Pernambuco*, for Saigon.

22, *Jeddah*, for Swatow.

22, *Devon*, for Singapore, &c.

Cleared.

Freeman, for Iloilo.

Hermine, for E-Or (Cochin-China).

Queen of India, for Newchwang.

St. Mark, for Saigon

Emu, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per *Paladin*, from Saigon, 50 Chinese.

Per *Zamboanga*, from Saigon, 5 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Devon*, from Amoy to London.

Mr R. B. Moorhead, and the Misses Moorhead, and 955 Chinese to Straits; from Hongkong to London, Mrs Geo. Holmes.

Per *Pernambuco*, for Saigon, 30 Chinese.

Per *Jeddah*, for Swatow, 450 Chinese.

DEPART.

Per *Emu*, for Amoy, 200 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Paladin* reported on the 10th inst. spoke S. S. *Japan*, from Hongkong to Singapore, is lat. 18.18 N., long. 110.40 E.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Spanish steamer *Zamboanga* reports: Light N.E. airs with smooth sea throughout. Steamers in port, *Charlton*, *Crusader*, *City of Santiago*, and *Adrian*. Passed an English steamer of Cape *Padar* on the 18th bound south.

CARGOES.

For S. S. *City of Tokio*, sailed 20th May, 1879:—For Yokohama, 5,810 bags Sugar, 7,178 bags Beans, 10 pks. Ginseng, and 141 pks. Sundries; for San Francisco, 8,907 bags Rice, 123 bags Pepper, 440 bags Beans, 156 bags Cloves, 130 bags Sugar, 30 bags Tapioca, 25 bags Coffee, 46 pks. Cinnamon, 34 pks. Maca, 76 pks. Nutmeg, 7 pks. Silk, 1 bale Silk, 2 pks. Opium, 700 Quicksilver Flasks, and 1,332 pks. Guncotton; for Victoria, 500 bags Rice, 2 pks. Opium, and 1 pks. Merchandise; for Puntarenas 3 pks. Silk, and 2 pks. Sundries; for La Libertad, 3 pks. Silk; for San José de Guatimala, 11 pks. Silk; for Panama, 100 bags Rice, and 2 pks. Cigars; for Callao, 13 pks. Silk; for Valparaiso, 1 pks. Cigars; for New York, 1 pks. Silk; for Callao, 13 pks. Silk; for Valparaiso, 13 pks. Silk; for Amoy Tea (23,803 lbs.), and 14 pks. Merchandise; for Boston, 463 pks. Amoy Tea (17,791 lbs.), and 2 pks. Silk.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON:—
Per *Cotzau*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 23rd inst.

For HOIHOW & HAIPHONG, (with Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi):—
Per *Mei-ti*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 23rd inst.

Per *Washi*, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, the 24th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.—
Per *Douglas*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 25th inst.

For AMOY, TAIWAN, AND TAMSUI.—
Per *Albay*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 26th inst.

For SAIGON:—
Per *Paladin*, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 28th

The Chinese have an expression which seems to point to the conclusion that they too must have closely observed the habits of ants.

In Mr Guthrie's interesting work *Through Russia* we read "The appellation of uncle in Russia does not always imply relationship; a young man speaking familiarly to an older friend will often call him uncle." **老伯爺** "Old uncle" is a Cantonese way of addressing elderly strangers.

"It is Armenian etiquette that the bridegroom should steal the bride from the unwilling parents." This sentence is also taken from Mr Guthrie's work. We have more than once pointed out in these Notes the existence of a similar custom amongst other Asiatic peoples, but we have not yet been able to trace it to the Chinese.

Chu Hi, commenting upon one of the *Shu King* Odes, in which a son is reproached for having committed the crime of incest with his step-mother, says that "the morals of China at this period differed not from those of the barbarians" **中國無以異於夷狄**. It is evident from this that in *Chu Hi*'s time the word **夷** was by no means a "term of endearment," (unless it be of the illicit endearments described in the ode).

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are requested by Bishop Raimondi to state that a Te Deum will be sung, on Saturday evening next, at six o'clock, in the R. C. Cathedral, on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday.

We are requested to state that the jurors summoned to attend to-morrow morning, will not be required until Tuesday next at 10 a.m.; the Sessions will, to-morrow, be formally adjourned till that date.

The Christy Minstrel entertainment at the Garrison Theatre was repeated last night with a success and smoothness exceeding that of the first presentation. The troupe are highly to be congratulated on their ability and enterprise; the entertainment they provide, taking it as a whole, and bearing in mind that they are quite new to this particular business, and have had very little practice in pulling together, is wonderfully excellent. We trust to hear of them soon and often.

The adjourned inquest on the body of a male child, aged 11 days, who was supposed to have died from suffocation, owing to his being strapped on to the back of his sister, was resumed to-day. The jury comprised Messrs G. Allen, E. O. Chastel and M. A. de Carvalho. The enquiry had been adjourned in order that a post mortem examination might be held; Dr. Wharry now gave it as his opinion that death was caused by suffocation. The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

A large amount of bullion, consisting of Japan subsidiary coins, &c., valued at about 14 lakhs of rupees, recently arrived at Calcutta port by the China mail, and was made over to the Calcutta Mint.

The *Athenaeum* of March 22nd, says:—"The public will most likely see at the forthcoming exhibition of the Royal Academy a half-length portrait of the young Chinese lady commonly known as the 'Trotting Lily,' attired in her native costume. The wife of the ex-Chinese minister sat to Mr. Walter Goodman for this picture."

The Government of Goa, says a native Indian paper, has transmitted to the Bombay Government Rs. 2,800, and some effects of Nursey Kessowj e found in the possession of his companions, and inquired if the three men are to be kept in custody and sent to Bombay. The Bombay Government are said to have replied that what they want is Nursey Kessowj e and not his men. So they are released. Probably the movements of these persons may afford a clue to the whereabouts of the runaway bankrupt.

In a report on the plague lately submitted by the Surgeon-General of the United States Marine Hospital Service, an attempt is made to trace the disease to China. The American authority points out that for the 80 years before 1873 the true plague was extremely prevalent in the Chinese Empire, as is shown, he says, by the reports of European medical officers. In 1873 the disease was said to be extinct, but it lingered on till quite recently in Yunnan. From China, says the American Doctor, the virus was carried to Persia, from Persia to Russia; local conditions in each case favouring the development. Theories of this kind, remarks the *Postmaster*, are of great political importance, for they will hasten on the time when the administration of China by some Western Power or Powers will be looked on as an absolute necessity.

Mr F. J. C. Wildash, a Queenslander who has been on a visit to Japan during the last few months, returned to Brisbane recently. He speaks most hopefully of the prospects of establishing a trade in Australian produce with Japan, the opening being particularly good for our cattle and wool. The Japanese Government afforded him every aid in his attempts to gain a knowledge of the country and its productions, and the officials with whom he came in contact showed him every courtesy. Mr Wildash has brought with him a splendid collection of specimens of natural history and botany, for presentation to various colonial agricultural and horticultural societies. He hopes to be able to arrange for a shipment

of wool to Japan early in the next shearing season, and states that the Japan Government are determined to relinquish their efforts to introduce merino sheep into the country, and will encourage the importation of wool instead. Mr Wildash points out that Port Darwin would form an excellent port of shipment for cattle, in the event of no suitable place being found in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

RETURN OF VISITORS TO THE CITY HALL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 18TH:

	EUROPEAN.	CHINESE.
MONDAY, MAY 12TH.	52	513
TUESDAY, 13TH.	69	373
WEDNESDAY, 14TH.	69	364
THURSDAY, 15TH.	70	369
FRIDAY, 16TH.	68	378
SATURDAY, 17TH.	69	398
SUNDAY, 18TH.	68	385
TOTALS.	465	2,385
GRAND TOTAL.	3,050.	

In America they have rumours as to General Grant's failing health, which assuredly his appearance here gave no occasion for. He is pale, hearty and healthy, and although not so lithe and lively as he was thirty years ago, is far indeed from beginning to fail yet; and long may he be. The General says that it is not yet many years since he was able to get up on his horse if only he got his foot in the stirrup; he did not care much what the horse did after that; he was all right. But now he begins to feel that he wants the horse to stand still if he is to get on. What we refer to as the unhappy rumours in America are of the nature of being identified.

A verdict was accordingly entered that deceased was found dead on the rocks at Stanley Bay, but how he came by his death, there was not sufficient evidence to show.

He was employed on the *Peng Chao Hai* as a seaman; and on the 10th instant he went on board a smuggling junk, with two other Chinese, and a European quarter-master; they were to take the junk to Canton. I identify the body by the clothes, as I gave the jacket to deceased the day he left the vessel.

Dr. Wharry deposed as to the cause of death. The body had been dead, he said, more than a week. The flesh was eaten off the head, and the skull was laid bare. There was a triangular wound on the skull, which was cracked right across the top. That was the only mark of violence he saw on the body. The wound must have been inflicted by a violent blow, but there was no guide as to the nature of the weapon used.

Inspector Mackie deposed to finding the body at Stanley Bay on the side of the rocks. He noticed Captain Palmer of the *Peng Chao Hai*, as he thought it was one of his men; he had the body sent to the Hospital. Witness had been unable to procure any other evidence.

The Coroner said this was all the evidence; it was not much, but it was all that was procurable. There was not much evidence as to the cause of death, and very little as to identity. If the jury were satisfied that the identity was made out, it was for them to say so.

The jury said they were satisfied of the identity; it was quite possible for a man to be identified by his clothes.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

"VERY GOOD."

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

MAY 22ND.

SIR.—Mr Deane's definition of "Very Good," as exemplified in your issue of last evening, is probably as grossly misleading as any official utterance ever penned. The community will, I think, thoroughly endorse the views taken by His Excellency in reference to the importance of night duty by the Police. Instead of a fine of \$6, I think that eighteen months' hard labour would have met the case with greater justice to the community.

It would be curious to know what crimes were committed in the Hung Hom district during the term the inhabitants were favoured with protection under this man Freeman.

Perhaps the Special Fund might be drawn upon, to present the Captain Superintendent with a

THE SAURUS.

A REASONABLE GROWL.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

HONGKONG, May 22nd.

SIR.—I am really at a loss to know the why and wherefore of the matting that covered the windows of the Court-House having been taken down. Where one used to sit before comfortably, and kept his head cool, it has now become a furnace by the effects of the rays of great Sol, against which the matting was a very great protection.

Shadrach, Messch and Abednego disobeyed Nebuchadnezzar's mandate, and were made to suffer for it in the furnace; but what have the jurors done that they are made to suffer very much in the manner I have above referred to? It is not the head of every one that can stand such heat as I have experienced on the two days when I attended the Court-House, as one of the jurors summoned for the present Sessions. We have heard a great deal of "considerateness" and "mercyfulness" in high places; but what I have referred to is like doing things à la Nabuchadnezzar. I suppose jurors can send in their doctor's bill to the Colonial Surgeon to be "taxed," and then present it at the Treasury.

ONE WHO WANTS TO KEEP HIS HEAD COOL IN COURT.

Police Intelligence.

Thursday, 22nd May.

ASSAULTING A CONSTABLE.

Li Achan, a coolie, was charged with assaulting a police constable whilst in the execution of his duty. The constable, it appears, was ordered to keep people off the Canton Steamer Wharf whilst the passengers were being counted; and the defendant, who was prevented from going on the Wharf, became very excited, and committed the assault with which he was charged. Mr Fluckett fined him \$5.

DEBTORSHIP.

Joseph Lavery, seaman unemployed, was fined \$1 for being drunk and disorderly in the public streets.

PETTY THEFT.

Chen Akum, a coolie, was sent to fourteen days' hard labour, for stealing two rattan valued at three cents. He admitted the charge, and said that he saw a heap of rattan lying in the street and no one watching them, so he took a couple.

ON STUPRIFICATION.

Chiu Ayith and Chiu Asan, coolies, were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in a highway robbery at Mongkokau, the night before last, and stealing about \$23 from the person of one Cheung Achan, a shopkeeper at Yow-ma-ti. The case remained till the 26th instant, as the complainant has gone to Canton.

USING ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.

Chun a Ng, a widow, and lately employed as a servant to one Cheung Achan, a coal merchant, Fuya Central, was charged with having been guilty of disorderly conduct, in that she used very abusive language towards the complainant. It would appear that the defendant was engaged as a servant to complainant's family, receiving \$1.80 and her food. She was discharged on Monday last, and begged to be kept on, as she was very poor. Her master would not do this, and has then asked to be paid a full month's

wages; upon this being also refused, she became very abusive, and returned several times to the house and created a great disturbance. She also annoyed the complainant in the street. Defendant alleged that her master had slapped her face, and his wife and concubine had prevented her taking her boxes. This made her excited. The evidence of the Police went to show that she had behaved very quietly at the station. His Worship suggested that the complainant should pay her \$2.50 as compensation in lieu of notice, and ordered the defendant to enter into her personal recognizances in \$10 to be of good behaviour for two months, at the same time telling her that if she caused any more annoyance to the complainant she would be punished very severely.

STEALING ICE TICKETS.

Chen Akum, a coolie, employed at the Ice House, was charged with stealing \$37 worth of ice tickets from the comprador's drawer. \$16 worth were found upon him when he was arrested, and he said he left some at a house in the Hollywood Road, and the balance he had lost.

Mr Bain, one of the partners, said that the defendant was in receipt of \$7 a month, and in the summer he got \$8 when the work was heavy. Defendant was in steady employment.

His Worship said it was a very bad case, and sentenced the defendant to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ALLEGED PIRACY.

Tang Ying San, a hawker, was charged, by Inspector Cradock, with being concerned in a piracy committed on the high seas in the vicinity of Hongkong. The case was remanded at the Inspector's request, till Thursday the 29th instant.

RETURNING FROM DEPORTATION.

Lam Asam, a coolie, was charged with returning from deportation. He was one of the men who escaped from the chain gang in September 1876, and was recaptured and sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour, in addition to the balance of his previous sentence. He received a conditional pardon in 1876, and was deported for life.

The case was remanded till Monday, the 26th May, pending instructions from H. E. the Governor as to prosecuting the man.

CHINA.

PEKING, May 1st.

The infant Emperor returned safely from his journey to Tung-ling, and it is said that his juvenile mind has been much impressed by the way in which the last honors were paid to his predecessor, and concluded that Imperial power, splendours, and other high honors in life, would, after death, be condensed in the four words of the ancient Latin—*Sic transit gloria mundi*.

The monotony among the foreign residents of the Chinese capital has been lately broken by the arrival and meetings of the missionaries and by the banquets of the diplomats. Every year at this season the Protestant Missionaries from Tientin, Punting-foo, Tungchow and Kalgan, come and hold their religious meetings in Peking, where are the headquarters of their Missions. The Americans assemble at the Shih-pu.

It is said that the government is occupied just now with a discussion on the question of raising the tax on Sake, and of reducing the land tax throughout the whole country down to 1%.

With respect to the coming visit of General Grant, displays of fireworks will take place in his honour, and the principal scenes of battle during the late rebellion, as well as the porcelain manufacturing town of Arita, will be shown to him.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE BANKS.

By the last mail the report of the various Banks Associated with Trade in the East reached Hongkong, and of these we now append a brief summary:—

The twenty-sixth annual report of the Court of Directors of the Oriental Bank Corporation, submitted to the proprietors at the annual meeting on April 17th, was looked for with great interest. The earnings of the year's business (including \$5,687,124. 1d brought forward from the last account), after defraying all current expenses and deducting sums written off for the first half of the year, amounted to 198,727. 7s; out of which a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum for the half-year was declared, and divided among the shareholders in October last, leaving an unappropriated amount of 123,727. 7s.

The directors now extra-melty regret to

announce that, through the depressed condition of trade, and the commercial crisis which has been experienced during the last six months, very serious losses have been sustained at various points. These losses, with provision for doubtful debts, including a large amount recently advised from Australia, have exceeded the unappropriated earnings, as above shown, by the sum of 120,390. 9s. 3d. The directors have also taken into account the existing depreciation of their public securities held in London and at the different branches, and although they trust that, as regards Indian Government Securities, this depreciation is only temporary, as depending on the rate of exchange between this country and India, they have valued all the Government rupee paper at the market price in India at Dec. 31st, and for that portion thereof which stands in the bank's books in London, and is therefore subject to exchange, a rate of 12. 8d. per rupee has been assumed. They have further made provision for the return of all funds invested in the East at the exchange of the day, excepting only such portion of the bank's capital as is allotted to each branch for its local permanent use. These two items together have occasioned a writing off against the reserve fund of 160,567. 3s.

Under the head of Foreign Securities they also regret to report the heavy depreciation of 91,030. 3s. 4d. on 318,807. 2s. 4d. in Chilian Government Bonds, which they have held as an investment since the time of the issue of the loans of 1848 and 1878. While writing off this amount, as shown in the profit and loss account, the directors, from the assurances they continue to receive from Chile, and from the acknowledged good faith of that Government, are sanguine that these securities will to a great extent recover their value.

The causes above mentioned not only render it impossible for the directors to declare any further dividend for the year, but necessitate the appropriation of nearly the whole of the reserve fund, together with a surplus value on the bank premises, which has hitherto been regarded as a set-off against temporary fluctuations in the securities. Provision, however, being now made for depreciation in the manner above explained, the surplus in question, \$6,400, affirmed by valuation at the close of the year, has been brought into the adjusting account of profit and loss.

The directors of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China for the first time in the twenty-one years' experience of the bank, are liable on this occasion to remit the declaration of a 5 per cent. dividend, and the bank has, moreover, lost practically all its reserve fund, the amount

of which was stated in the last published account at \$151,560. The bank, as appears by the account, estimates at an exchange of 1s. 9d. per rupee "any eventual loss by exchange on liabilities, repayable to the public in sterling," whereas the Oriental Bank has taken the exchange at 1s. 8d. per rupee.

The *Chartered Mercantile Bank*, however, as immediately available resources, 2,222,673. in coin and bullion, 389,406. in cash at bankers, and at call, and 1,42,909. in Government Securities; as against 3,931,082. of current and fixed deposits, and 4,9,6,484. of "bills payable, notes in circulation, and other sums due to the public."

The report of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China has been issued.

It states that, after providing for bad and doubtful debts and bringing forward a small balance from 1877, the net profits of the past year amounted to £49,754. An interim dividend of 6 per cent. for the first six months was declared in October; a second dividend of 4 per cent. for the final six months is now proposed, making a total of 5 per cent. for the year. Two years ago the directors took the timely precaution to value that portion of their funds permanently employed in the East at 1s. 9d. per rupee, and as per dollar, and they now

have the satisfaction to be able to tell their co-proprietors that if it were necessary to bring home those funds the loss would not exceed £25,000. All the other funds have been valued periodically at the prices and rates of exchange of the day. This in the proper principle upon which to act; and the directors of this bank find their reward in secured profits and rising credit. Those of their competitors who have not early enough recognized the course they ought to pursue, and in consequence have had to write off such amounts now as sweep away their reserve funds, are entitled to the plea in extenuation that the circumstances were novel, and that they did not clearly see their way where they had no experience to guide them. But we must add, nevertheless, that the present depreciation is by no means unprecedented, and therefore that instruction might have been drawn from the experience of other countries.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, May 22, 1879.

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GOODS STORED.
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Hongkong, April 30, 1879. my80

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IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
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FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 3 and 4, Praya
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FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
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Marine Lot 65; and BASEMENTS of
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Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
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Goods of every description Landed and
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MARINE HOUSE—WEST.
SECOND FLOOR and a GODOWN.
OFFICES in Queen's Road, now under
the occupation of Messrs. WILSON & BIRD,
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Also,

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Apply to
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Hongkong, May 27, 1879.

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“ROSE VILLAS”—FURNISHED OR
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BONHAI ROAD,
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THE CLIFFS, near Mount Gough, con-
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presently occupied by Dr. ADAMS.
Apply to
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Hongkong, May 8, 1879.

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DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, April 29, 1879.

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OFFICES in CLUB CHAMBERS.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, April 8, 1879.

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PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable
for OFFICES and DWELLING, also
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.
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Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.,
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Bill.

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SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERNEAN PORTS, SOUTH.
AMPTON, AND LONDON (Direct);
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY's Steamship
LONDONDERRY, Captain W. B. HALL, will
leave this on TUESDAY, the 3rd June, at
noon.

For further particulars, apply to
A. McSIVER, Superintendent,
Hongkong, May 27, 1879. jsl

MAILS.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR.
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE.
ADEN, SUZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON TUESDAY, the 27th of May, 1879,
at the Company's S. S.
IRAOUADDY, Commandant GAUVAIN,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted
in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.,
on the 26th of May, 1879. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 14, 1879. my27

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BEL FRANCIO will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on or about May 31st, 1879, at 3
p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Spain, the United States, Mexico, Central
and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 30th May. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value of
same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Offices addressed to the Collector of Cus-
toms, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 27, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, May 6, 1879. my31

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship ALASKA
will be despatched for San Francisco
via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 2nd
June, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and
Freight, for Japan, the United States, and
Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Through PASSAGES to EUROPE,
a REDUCTION of TWENTY PER
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,
AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. of 1st June. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 3 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Director
of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 5, 1879. jy2

Insurances.

SWISS LLOYD
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY
OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, have
This Day taken over charge of the Hong-
kong Agency, and are prepared to grant
Insurance on Marine Risks at Current
Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, February 10, 1879. jnl

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, October 27, 1879.

INSURANCES.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above
named Company, are prepared to grant
POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 13, 1878. jnl

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COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
\$45,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
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Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George the First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
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prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

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Policies issued for long or short periods at
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Policies issued for sum not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to grant
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

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COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

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Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or
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and Conditions.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company,

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.